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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings includes an additional Figure 1C. This sheet, which also includes Figures 1A and 1B, replaces the original sheet including Figures 1A and 1B.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The examiner has acknowledged that claims 3, 4, and 13 are directed to allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 1 has been amended to overcome the objections by including all of the limitations of claim 3. Claim 4 is amended to be dependent on claim 1, as amended. Claims 3, 5, and 6 have been canceled. Claim 7 has been amended to more clearly distinguish applicant's invention from that of Korteweg (United States Patent No. 4,952,204). Furthermore, the brief description of the drawings, specification, and the abstract have been amended to overcome the objections. An amended replacement drawing sheet with an additional figure 1C is submitted.

Haber et al. (United States Patent No. 5,490,736) discloses a single-use stylus applicator with two chambers. A dry medication is disposed in one chamber while a liquid diluent is disposed in the second chamber. A barrier separates the two chambers. When the second chamber with the liquid diluent is compressed, the hydraulic pressure will defeat the barrier and the liquid diluent will mix with the dry medication. The mixture is then absorbed by a stylus-shaped swab at the end of the applicator for application. Applicant has amended claim 1 to more clearly distinguish applicant's invention from Haber et al.

Korteweg (United States Patent No. 4,952,204) discloses a conventional cotton swab on a stick enclosed within a sleeve. The sleeve has a narrow handle portion that conforms closely to the narrow swab stick. At the tip of the narrow handle portion is a section with an even smaller diameter than the remainder of the narrow handle portion to enable the frictional engagement of

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the tip of the swab stick to the sleeve. In contrast, applicant's invention has a generally constant diameter elongated housing.

Dumler et al. (United States Patent No. 6,612,764) discloses a cosmetic applicator unit with two opposing applicators. The applicator tips on the applicators are positioned on opposite ends along the same axis. Each applicator is disposed in a separate reservoir that is threaded to the base of the applicator, away from the applicator tip. Quite the opposite, applicant's invention has the opening means near each of the applicator tips.

Therefore, applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,



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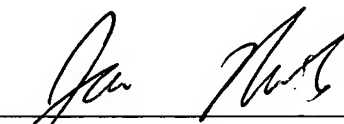
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